

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Bret A. FERREE

Serial No.: 09/638,241

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND
PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF
INTERBODY BONE GRAFT

Group Art Unit: 3773

Examiner: Julian W. Woo

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 8, 2008, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

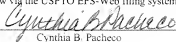
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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